

St Mary's Caring Ministries Vestry Report

May 20, 2021

The Eucharistic Visitation program has been approved to resume. The requirements are that the eucharistic visitors must be fully vaccinated as well as the people receiving the Eucharist. Genie is reaching out to the eucharistic visitors to determine interest in continuing this ministry. She is also reaching out to the facilities that were visited before the pandemic to find out their protocols. She is reaching out to parishioners who are homebound and have not received communion since the beginning of the pandemic. Hopefully this ministry will resume by the end of May. If you know of anyone who would like to be part of this ministry please let Genie know.

Stephen Ministers are skilled and trained to provide care to people going through a wide range of difficulties. There are currently 7 trained Stephen Leaders who guide the Stephen Ministry and 14 Stephen Ministers who have provided care to 18 people during the past year.

The Daughters of the King is an order of women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church. The mission of the order is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through holy prayer, service, and evangelism. There are currently 20 daughters of whom 10 have resumed in person monthly meetings.

The Hospital Visitors and Nursing Home Visitors have been inactive during the pandemic. Both ministries will need new chairpersons as well as visitors when they are able to resume. Perhaps cards can be sent to those in the hospital and nursing homes.

The Intercessory Prayer Group Ministry of 4 individuals meet via Zoom and pray for the Parish.

The Memorial Garden arrangements are currently made through the Church office. There has been only one recent order for memorial bricks.

The Healing Center has been inactive and lost not for profit status. There are a few therapists who do counselling. Karlette Peck indicated that the Center will be getting up to speed soon.

The Praying Hands Ministry has 2 dedicated members who knitted hundreds of hats for newborns to be given to the hospitals. They would like to extend their ministry to knitting and crocheting prayer shawls to those in need.

Respectfully Submitted

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